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HEALTH CARE MARKET IN GULF AREA

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- 1. WE AGREE THAT HEALTH CARE OPPORTUNITIES IN GULF CONTINUE TO BE VERY GOOD. QATAR IS IN PROCESS OF EQUIPPING 640-BED GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL FOR DOHA CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD. AT LEAST FIFTEEN OUTPATIENT CLINICS ARE PLANNED FOR THE DOHA AREA WITH AT LEAST TEN OTHERS FOR OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.
- 2. GOVERNMENT ADVISOR ON EQUIPPING MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES FOR QATAR IS U.S. CITIZEN AND IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ALL AREAS OF MEDICAL/TECHNICAL/SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE MARKET AND RECOGNIZES THE GENERAL TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPERIORITY OF U.S. EQUIPMENT.

3. AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL, VISIT RATHER THAN CORRESPONDENCE WILL RESULT IN SALES. WE SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS

IN QATARI MARKET MAKE INITIAL CONTACT BY MAIL AND ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR THROUGH THE EMBASSY.

THIS PROCEDURE PARTICULARLYY IMPORTANT THROUGH SUMMER MONTHS WHEN VACATIONS CAN TAKE DECISIONMAKERS ABROAD FOR EXTENDED PERIODS.

4. IMPORTANT CONTACTS IN HEALTH MINISTRY ARE: (1) DR. OMAR HASUISHO, DIRECTOR OF HOSPITALS, STATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, P.O. BOX 42, DOHA, QATAR, ARABIAN GULF; (2) DR. ABDULLA AL-BAKR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, P. O. BOX 42, DOHA, QATAR, ARABIAN GULF (3) DR. JOHN BUSSER, ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, P.O. BOX 3646, DOHA, QATAR, ARABIAN GULF. KILLGORE

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